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**Attachments:** [SAN JACINTO Site Fact Sheet 07-30-14.pdf](#)

Mr. Gilbert,

Thank you for your email on the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site.

It has been 6 years since the waste pits became a Superfund site, however, there has been progress. For example, we have ensured short-term protectiveness by constructing the temporary cap over the pits in 2011 to stop the wastes from washing into the river, and to isolate the pits from folks who were fishing there.

The information collected does not indicate that the water supply for the Houston area has been impacted from the site. Concentrations of dioxins in the fish near the site will start to decrease with the temporary cap in place and with the final permanent remedy decision. Fish Advisories throughout the Bay area however, will likely remain in place due to contamination from dioxins, PCBs, and organochlorine pesticides from other sources.

Because of the complexity of this site, the EPA has decided that additional information is needed prior to our recommendation of a cleanup alternative. Once this is completed, the EPA will announce a proposed alternative that will be available for public comment. The EPA will also host a public meeting during the comment period to allow public participation in the remedy selection process. The announcement of the proposed alternative, public meeting, and comment period are expected next year, in 2015. The EPA will continue to communicate with the community on the progress.

For more information, a recent fact sheet about the site is attached; and here is a link with more detailed site information and reports:

[http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san\\_jacinto/](http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto/)

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Mr. Gray,

Thanks to the Houston Chronicle's article in the Sunday, June 22, 2014, issue, I am deeply concerned about risk to area drinking water and to seafood caught in Galveston and Trinity Bays. I certainly support the EPA's vigorous pursuit of means to ameliorate this major threat to the health of Houston citizens.



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